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11. (U) Madagascar: Madagascar's Foreign Minister Marcel Ranjeva had already departed the country when reftel demarche was received. After repeated attempts to reach him abroad, Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Acting Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) who promised to convey our concerns to the Foreign Minister in Addis Ababa. Due to the recent change in cabinet members of the Government of Madagascar (GOM), the Acting SecGen was the most senior GOM official available. In addition, Ambassador will continue to try to reach Minister Ranjeva personally by telephone throughout the weekend.

12. (SBU) Comoros: Pol/Econ Chief delivered talking points to Ambassador Hodhauer Inzouddine, Secretary General of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of the Comoros (GOC) who accepted the message but noted the GOC is preoccupied by the ongoing African Union mission in Comoros to settle the inter-island dispute. He insinuated Comoros would likely follow South Africa's lead, given their neighbor to the south had invested so much in the 2006 Comoros Presidential election.

13. (U) Post will report septel if any further substantive information is received.  
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